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SUBJECT: FRG INVITATION TO OECD AMBASSADORS

TO VISIT BERLIN

REF: A) BONN 17217; B) STATE 252330

1. THE UK AND FRENCH BONN GROUP REPS HAVE INFORMED US THAT THEIR AMBASSADORS TO THE OECCD HAVE BEEN INVITD TO WEST BERLIN BY THE FRG AMBASSADOR TO THE OECD. THE QUAI OPPOSES ACCEPTANC BY THEIR AMBASSADOR SINCE, AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED (REF A), THE FRENCH VIEW IS THAT THE ALLIES ARE SOVEREIGN IN BERLIN AND THE FRG HAS NO RIGHT TO INVITE THEM THERE.

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2. THE UK REP (HARPER) INFORMS US THAT THE FCO WORKING LEVEL IS INCLINED TO RECOMMEND NO OBJECTION. THE OTHER APPARENT REASONS FOR THE PRIOR REFUSAL TO PERMIT THE UK NATO AMBASSADOR TO GO, THAT BERLIN IS NOT PART OF NATO AND THAT THE VISIT WOULD BE PROVOCATIVE, PRESUMABLY DO NOT OBTAIN IN THIS CASE AND THE UK DOES NOT SHARE THE FRENCH VIEW STATED ABOVE.

HARPER HAS SAID THAT BEFORE THE FCO MAKES A DECISION, HOWEVER, IT WOULD LIKE US VIEWS.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED WHETHER THE US AMBASSADOR TO THE OECD HAS RECEIVED AN INVITATION AND WHETHER THE DEPARTMENT HAS ANY OBJECTION, AS IT DID IN THE CASE OF THE ALLIED AMBASSADORS TO NATO (REF B), TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF SUCH AN INVITATION. MEEHAN

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